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Mr. Charles Steinberg



Dear Mr. Steinberg:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 10 June and for the enclosed copy of the Resolution.

This is a foreign policy matter and, therefore, does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Assistant to the Director

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Dear Mr. Dulles:-

The annual conference of the Illinois Conference of The Methodist Church, now in session in the city of Elcom-
ington, Illinois, and at which the writer was in attendance,
passed by very very small number of votes a Resolution
pertaining to (see copy enclosed).

Opposition by very able men versed in the Law, and others opposed the two part resolution. I suggest you show this copy to the President or give it to him to compare with a copy which the Chairman of this Committee asked the Secretary of the Conference to send to you. The Opposition claimed that Red China as a Nation could be inferred by the wording of this resolution, and we Methodists are adamantly opposed to recognizing Red China as a Nation and to RESPECT it as such. We asked that that part be deleted, but the Chairman kept repeating over and over again that he didn't think Red China was meant to be includable. By a vote of about 30 votes in favor it was adopted, the smaller minority and the vast 1200 or more delegates simply did not vote for it at all, apparently, thinking it best to leave such discretion to those in authority of our Government.

As a Methodist, and an American citizen, I am unalterably opposed to that Resolution.

I am writing this to you for the sole reason that this Chairman was very urgent in asking all of us present to write both our Illinois Senators, yourself, and The President.

Now, Mr. Dulles when did our Government EVER fail to respect any true Government of any people? And as the Opposition yesterday stated, that if we were attacked by any nation using nuclear weapons, our forces and our Nation should not be expected to protect itself with outmoded weapons.

Your attention is directed to the clause at the bottom that this resolution is to be added to the Report for World Peace.

About the same percentage of votes were cast for Repeal of the Connally amendment to the World Court, the very large majority not voting at all. I urge you to oppose its repeal.

Very truly yours,

Charles Steinberg
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A STATEMENT ON SPACE LAW, DISARMAMENT, AND PRE-EMPTIVE WAR

We approve the proposal recently made by Senator Henry Jackson that the satellites now being created for photographic reconnaissance be turned over to the appropriate United Nations agency. This is in line with the American plan for international arms inspection and control. We also urge our government (and all governments) to respect the national sovereignty, territorial integrity and the political independence of all nations. Furthermore we would urge the government of the United States to discontinue all nuclear testing, and to work for general and complete disarmament under effective international control.

We feel compelled as Christians and as citizens to repudiate the newly proposed doctrine of "pre-emptive war." This doctrine would permit the United States to be the initiator of a nuclear war which could destroy hundreds of millions of men, women and children. Essentially, pre-emptive war is the same as preventive war and, as such, it is a complete negation of our religious and democratic ideals and traditions. It is not in accord with the Charter of the United Nations, nor is it in line with the Constitution of the United States.

(to be added to the report of the Board of World Peace)

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